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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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APPARATUS FOR PERFORATING OR SLITTING HEAT SHRINK FILM

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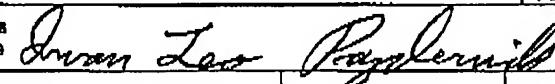
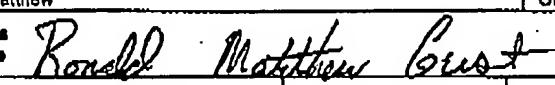
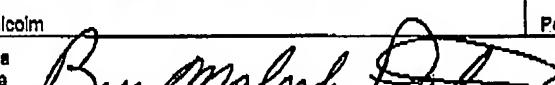
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